Featuring His Dummy, Voice Distorto

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An in-studio guest on a news show segment “appears” anonymously, his identity masked by the lighting, his voice distorted to sound very deep. We learn that he is a former member of the Trump administration, though we do not know what level position he held. We also learn that at some point after leaving his position he experienced a breakdown, though in secret, but now he’s okay. Instrumental to his recovery was the developing of a ventriloquist and dummy thing, nuanced by the fact that his dummy also has a dummy, who also has a dummy, who also has a dummy, his real self apparently being contained in the last dummy in that chain. The “real” person tries to speak directly to the last dummy, but is always having to speak through the chain of dummies. All of the dummies and their voices are also masked by the same shadow lighting and voice distortion that in many ways makes each dummy sound identical.

The news anchor has to “navigate” this very strange set of relationships inside this former Trump administration person to get at the pieces of information that caused his breakdown, encountering some very humorous and complex exchanges along the way, the navigating being similarly difficult for both the news anchor and the “real” person with the dummies.

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